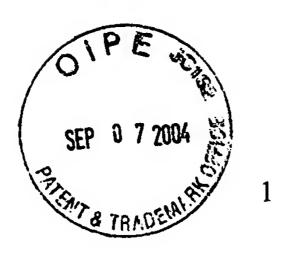
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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the office action mailed March 5, 2004. A check for \$950 is attached to satisfy the extension of time fee. If any additional fees are required to grant this petition or to gain entry of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks: The "REMARKS" section begins on page 7 of this paper.

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